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6 MR. REIM: Kenneth Reim, R-e-i-m.

7 HEARING OFFICER LUPTON: Thank you.

8 MR. REIM: I'm a registered professional

9 geologist and mining engineer, having worked in and

10 around the State of Nevada since 1951. I'm of the view

11 that the United States Government should honor the

12 contracts with the nuclear utility companies to take

13 their high-level nuclear waste at a designated site of

14 the U.S. Government.

15 It's my professional view that Yucca Mountain

16 is a satisfactory high-level nuclear waste depository.

17 I'm of the view that Yucca Mountain should be

18 considered a high-level nuclear waste storage facility

19 and not a disposal site.

20 The high-level nuclear waste is a valuable

21 national resource, and with the advance of technology

22 in the next 50 to 200 years, there will be developed

23 uses for such.

24 I urge the President of United States and the

25 U.S. Congress to rescind President Carter's order to

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1 prohibit the reprocessing of radioactive nuclear waste

2 from the power reactors.

3 Reprocessing should be considered. With
4 high-level waste stored at Yucca Mountain, in the
5 future there could be developed a high-level nuclear
6 waste reprocessing facility which could bring into
7 Southern Nevada diversification and a large increase in
8 professional and technical people related to that.

9 As part of these comments I wish to include
10 my letter of April 29th, 1998 that was sent to Frank
11 Murkowski, M-u-r-k-o-w-s-k-i, in regard to, quote,
12 disposition of high-level nuclear waste.

13 The ratepayers of the nuclear power industry
14 are paying for these facilities with a surcharge
15 applied to their utility bill. However, 20 percent of
16 the electrical energy produced in the United States is
17 from the nuclear power and nearly all the consumer
18 products that we buy, such as cars, materials at
19 WalMart and so forth, have potentially a 20 percent
20 component of nuclear power within them.

21 Thus, all of the people of the United States
22 are paying for the characterization of Yucca Mountain,
23 permitting and construction of such.

24 Thank you for the opportunity to make these

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25 comments, and I would hope they are seriously

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1 considered. Sincerely, Kenneth Reim; enclosure.